है जिससे कि तीव्र भूमि सुधार, अतिरिक्त भूमि का आवंटन, अविकसित आदिवासी क्षेत्रों के सुधार के लिए चलाई गई विभिन्न परियोजनाओं, इत्यादि के कारण विस्थापित हुए आदिवासी लोगों का पुनर्वास किया जाना सुनिश्चित हो सके । इस बारे में प्रभावित राज्यों को केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा सभी संभव सहायता उपलब्ध कराई जा रही है ।

Statutory Development Boards for MarsJfe-wada and Vidharbha

625. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS bo pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Statutory Development Boards for Marathwada and Vidharbha under Art. 371(2) of the Constitution;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. IACOB): (a) to (c) The Government of Maharashtra have sent proposals at different points of time for setting up of Development Boards in terms of article 371(2) of the Constitution. They require in-depth examination from different angles, including legal and constitutional, before a final decision is taken.

Traffic in Connanght Place, New Delhi

626. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

fa) whether Government are aware of the confusion and hardship created by Delhi Traffic Police in Connaught Place in Delhi;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the changes were made without consultation with the NDMC and MCD chiefs or with Surface Transport Ministry;

(c) if so, what action Government have :aken in the matter; and

(d) whether Government propose to set up a joint standing task force, including Citizen Groups for traffic control in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THB MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS i(SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) A new traffic circulation pattern evolved by Central Road Research Institute has been adopted in Connaught Place by Delhi Traffic Police on experimental basis in collaboration with NDMC, within whose jurisdiction the area falls.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration.

Radical improvements in the Postal Services

627. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to introduce radical improvements in the postal services so as to mechanise and automate its operations and to ensure faster delivery of mail, money order and parcels; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) An automatic integrated mail processing system for faster sorting process and an electronic money transfer system for transmission of money orders are under examination. 102 computerised counter machines have been installed in selected post offices.

Restructuring of telecom sector In the country

628. SHRI SURESH KALMADI. Witt the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to take steps for restructuring of telecom sector in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) A High Level Committee set up by the Government under the chairmanship of Dr. M. D. Athreya for recommending the most ■appropriate organisational structure for management of telecom services in the country has submitted its report in April 1991. The report is being studied and processed by the Government for taking appropriate decisions on tbe various recommendations.

Indian prisoners languishing in different jails in Pakistan

629. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the exact number of Indian prisoners who are languishing in different jails in Pakistan at present; and

(b) whether Government propose to take up the matter with the Pakistan Government; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) According to available information, 990 Indian prisoners are believed to be in different jails in Pakistan.

(b) We take up all cases of Indian prisoners with Pakistani authorities whenever they are brought to our notice. As a result of our sustained efforts, 37 Indian prisoners were released and repatriated on 15-7-91. Efforts to secure the release of other Indian prisoners continue.

Electronic fare meters for auto rickshaws and taxis in Delhi

630. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make the use of electronic fare meters compulsory for the auto rickshaws and taxis in Delhi;

(b) if so, by when Government propose to implement such a proposal; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The use of electronic fare meter has been made compulsory for Autorickshaws and Taxis in Delhi under the proposed draft Delhi Motor Vehicles Rules 1989. The objections have been received in this regard from the various unions. These are under examination by the Transport Department of the Delhi Administration. If found feasible the proposal will be implemented as soon as the objections are examined and rules are finalised.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up some electronic exchanges in the country

631. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Electronic Exchanges have been set up during 1990 and upto June, 1991 in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State and Union-Teritory-wise;

(c) whether these exchanges have been helpful in releasing telephone connections from waiting list;

(d) if so, the details thereof, category-wise and State Union Territory-wise;

(e) .whether these exchanges have also improved the working; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, « the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of House.